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Docket No: 6670/OG728

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449, and copies¹ of the documents listed

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thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

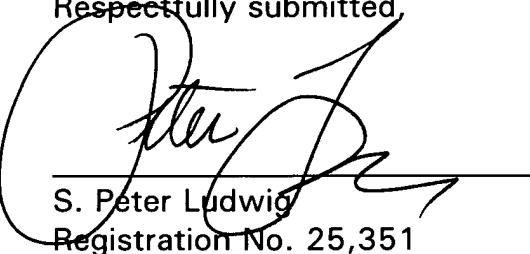
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independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Ludwig". It is enclosed in a large, roughly circular oval.

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PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

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|---|--|---------------------------|------------------|
| Basic Fee | | | \$690.00 |
| Total Claims | 15 - 20 | - 20 = 0 | x \$18.00 \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3 | - 3 = 0 | x \$78.00 \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | 0 - if so, add | | \$260.00 \$0.00 |
| Surcharge for late submission of filing fee and/or declaration (\$130.00) | | | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal | | | \$690.00 |
| [] Small Entity REDUCTION (Half of Subtotal) | | | \$345.00 |
| Fee for recordation of assignment (\$40.00) | | | \$0.00 |
| Charge for filing non-English language application (\$130.00) | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$345.00 |